

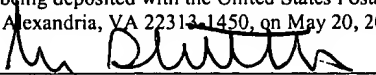


#7

PATENT
Atty File No.: SCAL.P0001

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "FIRST CLASS MAIL"

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 20, 2003.


John Stattler

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Coates et al.

Serial No.: 09/695,499

Filing Date: 10/23/2000

For: A NETWORK STORAGE SYSTEM

Examiner: Hwang, Joon H

Group Art Unit: 2172

RECEIVED

MAY 30 2003

Technology Center 2100

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002. This extension will extend the time the response is due from February 20, 2003 to May 20, 2003.

- ☒ A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$465.00
- ☒ A Credit Card Payment Form.

05/28/2003 BSAYAS11 00000008 09695499

01 FC:2253

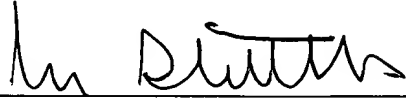
465.00 0P

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50 1128** referencing docket no. SCAL.P0001.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 20, 2003

By:



John Stattler

Registration No. 36,285

Stattler, Johansen & Adeli LLP

P.O. Box 51860

Palo Alto, California 94303-0728

Telephone: (650) 934-0470, ext. 100

Fax: (650) 934-0475